



LYNCH FOUR BLACK MEN

Kentucky Mob Does Its Work Quietly

TAKEN FROM SHERIFF

The Dead Men Had Approved Slaying of a White Farmer

THE FOUR WERE INNOCENT

The Real Murderer Had Been Spirited Away From the Jail by the Sheriff—Mob Came to Town and Hanged Negroes to Tree.

RUSSELLVILLE, Ky., Aug. 1.—Four negroes, Virgil, Tom and Robert Jones and Joe Riley, were taken from jail here early today and hanged to a tree on the edge of town. No shots were fired by the mob, which was composed of about 50 men, and the people of the town knew nothing of the affair until daylight revealed the four bodies dangling from a tree just outside Russellville on the Nashville Pike. The following note was found pinned on one of the bodies:

"Let this be a warning to you niggers to leave white people alone or you will go the same way. Hugh Rogers better shut up or quit town."

The negroes who were lynched were members of a lodge, and at a meeting recently, it is said, they approved the murder of James Cunningham, a white farmer, by his negro tenant, Rufus Browder. This murder occurred in the southern part of Logan county, and it is supposed here that the mob was made up of men from that part of the county.

The negroes had been in jail for several days, and while there had been considerable unrest since the attempt on the part of the mob to take Browder the slayer of Cunningham from jail some nights ago, no real trouble was anticipated; there was no guard around the prison. The effort to get Browder failed, owing to the fact that he was spirited out of the jail by the sheriff and sent to Bowling Green and later to Louisville, where he is now confined awaiting trial.

The mob came into town so quietly that not one of the residents was awakened. Proceedings at once to the county jail, they summoned the jailer, Jack Butts, to the door, his residence being directly connected with the prison. When he appeared, he found himself covered by rifles and shotguns and was given the command to turn over the keys or be shot down. After a short parley with the members of the mob in which he tried to persuade them to go away without violence, he finally handed over the keys.

Two of the negroes, not being given time to dress, were taken along in their night shirts, and the whole party proceeded at once to a tree on the outskirts of the city on the Nashville Pike, where the negroes were strung up in a row.

Contrary to usual customs of mobs no shots were fired at the victims, and the mob dispersed as soon as it had finished its work. There is no clue to the members of the band, the jailer, the only witness, did not recognize them.

The bodies of the negroes were cut down during the morning.

The negroes were members of a lodge in the southern part of Logan county, and just when the entire

county was stirred up by the brutal murder of Mr. Cunningham by Browder, they held a meeting and expressed approval of Browder's deed. Excitement in that vicinity ran so high for a time that it was feared a race war would result, but the four leaders in the meeting were arrested and brought to this city, and these were the men lynched early today.

MRS. F. A. MERRIOTT KILLED. Wife of the Editor of the San Francisco News Letter.

SANTA CRUZ, Aug. 1.—News just reached the deputy coroner that while Mrs. F. A. Merriott, wife of the editor of the San Francisco News Letter and her chauffeur who were traveling between Ben Lomond to Los Gatos, the machine went over the grade and both occupants were killed.

CUBA HOLDS ELECTION.

HAVANA, Aug. 1.—Cuba's first election under American supervision was held today and was marked by the general tranquility and absence of excitement throughout the island.

APPOINTS SUB-COMMITTEE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Chairman Mack of the democratic national committee is forming a sub-committee of the national committee which will conduct the campaign in the East with headquarters in this city. While Hack will be chairman of the sub-committee, a vice-chairman will be in active charge of the committee operations. Former Senator Smith of New Jersey is spoken of as probable vice-chairman. Mack conferred today with Urey Woodson, secretary of the national committee, National Committeeman Sullivan, of Illinois, and other prominent democrats on the personnel of the sub-committee.

RETURNS HOME SAFE

Abductor of Verona Cassidy Was Worried by Publicity

TAKEN TO ROOMING HOUSE

The Mysterious Abduction of the 12-Year-Old Girl by F. J. Blair, is Cleared up by the Child's Safe Return.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—Verona Cassidy, the 12-year-old girl, whose mysterious abduction Thursday caused unusual police activity in this city, returned home tonight from Cincinnati, whither she had been taken by her alleged abductor F. J. Blair. She told her parents that Blair had placed her aboard the train immediately after leading her away from their home and that they had been in a rooming house in Ohio City until this morning when the man gave her a ticket to Chicago and told her to go home. That Verona escaped the fate similar to that of a San Francisco girl who was similarly abducted and finally murdered was due to the publicity given the case, is the view generally held. This theory is born out by the story of the girl who said after Blair had read the newspapers the morning after their arrival in Cincinnati he appeared to be nervous and worried. The girl could not remember the name of the hotel Blair took her to, neither could she recall the name under which Blair registered. The girl accused Blair of having attempted to mistreat her Friday night.

BY WIRELESS.

SUVA, Fiji Islands, Aug. 1.—The American squadron is reported at 8 p. m., July 30th, by wireless to be in latitude 2:50 S. long. 168:30. The cruise is reported uneventful.

MANY FIRES IN FORESTS

Much Valuable Timber Is Being Destroyed

ALL IN CALIFORNIA

Fire at Marshfield Endanger the Residence Portion of the Town

FIGHTING FLAMES AT UKIAH

Great Fire in the Palomas Mountains Near San Diego Has Got Beyond Control and Still Another Near Redding.

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—Specials to the evening papers in this city are to the effect that a serious fire is burning at West Marshfield and has destroyed valuable standing timber. It is also stated that several residents in Marshfield are endangered and that the fire is being fought by the combined fire department of Marshfield and North Bend assisted by many citizens.

Marshfield, Aug. 1.—The fire which has been burning in the partly cleared section west of Marshfield has endangered half a dozen residences in that section of the town, but the fire is being fought by the fire departments of Marshfield and North Bend and several citizens and they will probably be successful in saving the residences. The town is not in danger. The loss will not exceed a few hundred dollars.

DESPERATE BACK-FIRING.

UKIAH, Cal., Aug. 1.—Fire bells and excited messengers on horseback summoned help today to save the city from the forest fires west of town which a sudden change in the wind were driving toward the city. Hundreds of men fought until late in the evening and the desperate back-firing assisted by the back-draft of the wind will doubtless save the town from a serious conflagration.

SAN DIEGO FIRE.

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 1.—The forest fires on the Palomas Mountain have got beyond control. The forest rangers have called on all the people of that section of the country to help them. The fire is supposed to have been started by summer campers.

STILL UNCONQUERED.

REDDING, Aug. 1.—The big forest fire east of Redding is still unconquered.

FRENCH LABOR TROUBLE.

Government Taking Steps to Prevent Trouble in Coming Strike.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—The excitement among the labor leaders of Paris over the outcome of the recently trouble at Vigneux is as a high pitch because of the announcement that the government is to forever crush such demonstrations which are generally recognized as having growth to feverish if not dangerous proportions. Whether the situation will grow worse is hard to say, but it should be recalled the labor movements in France in the past, shows that turbulence quickly dies out. However at this moment the revolutionary branch of the unionists is worked up to an unusual pitch because of the shooting down of troops at Vigneux and of the demonstrators and arrests of the vigorous leaders. The government is preparing to prevent the outbreaks Sunday and Monday when the second strike called by the Federation of Labor is due to take effect.

BASEBALL GAMES.

Northwest League.
Vancouver 10, Spokane 5.
Seattle 10, Butte 0.
Pacific Coast League.
Portland 6, San Francisco 0.
Oakland 3, Los Angeles 2.

BRYAN'S SPEECH READY.

FAIRVIEW, Aug. 1.—The preliminary draft of the speech of acceptance of W. J. Bryan was finished today and is now being set up in type. The proofs will be submitted to the democratic candidate next Monday or Tuesday when the final corrections will be made and the speech will be completed by the 5th instant. Bryan today signified it will be his intention to go to New York state during the campaign and deliver several prepared speeches. The date of the trip is not yet fixed however.

BALLOON RACE PLANNED.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—The trans-continental balloon race starting from either Los Angeles or San Francisco with the Atlantic seaboard as an objective point is being planned by the Federation of American Balloonists. The race is to be held in November for a cash prize of \$25,000 for the completion of the trip.

HARRIMAN STARTS WEST.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—E. H. Harriman left for the west tonight in a special train of five cars. It was reported earlier in the day in this city that George Gould was to accompany Harriman on a tour of inspection over the Wheeling and Lake Erie, Wabash and Pittsburg terminal and the Wabash line, but so far as has been learned Gould is not in the party. President Underwood accompanied Harriman.

MANY TRUNKS TAKEN

Organized Conspiracy Unearthed to Rob Adams Express Co.

USED COUNTERFEIT CHECKS

A Job Printer, a Driver, a Lather, and a Plumber's Helper, Are the Men Accused of Being in the Conspiracy—Many Thousands Stolen.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—The arrest of three men in Brooklyn at an early hour today disclosed the fact that the Adams Express Company has lost \$100,000, according to the police estimate, through a series of trunk robberies in that Borough. It is not known whether the plot to steal from the express company also extends to Manhattan and elsewhere.

The prisoners who are in the toils of the Brooklyn authorities described themselves as Alfred Wilmott, 24 years old, a lather. John S. Cook 17 years, a plumber's helper and Alfred Moule, 18 years, a driver.

These three men, according to the Brooklyn headquarters are suspected of knowledge of trunk robberies which total \$20,000. Three more drivers are being searched for by the police.

According to the detectives, the Adams Express has been robbed by a clever system of counterfeit checks and tags made by a job printer who was in league with the gangs of trunk thieves. When a trunk which was to be stolen was given to a driver at some one of the express depots in Brooklyn, the driver would put on the trunk the bogus check and tag. He would then deliver the trunk in question at the house of an accomplice.

MURDER OR SUICIDE?

Strange Case of Vernal Revalk of Frisco

FOUND DEAD IN HACK

Young Man Was to Sail for Manila to Accept Government Position

FATHER FEARS FOUL PLAY

The Lad Drinks Portion of a Bottle of Mineral Water he Had Purchased in a Saloon—Police Favor the Suicide Theory.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—Vernal Revalk, the 18-year-old son of R. E. Revalk, died early this morning at the Harbor Emergency Hospital from the effects of poison reported to be cyanide potash or chloral hydrate. The boy's father believes his son has been murdered. The police believe it is a suicide, though they admit the apparent absence of a motive. Last evening Revalk attended a reception and afterwards escorted one of the young ladies home. Next he telephoned to his father that he would not be home and then called up some boy friends to meet him at a saloon. His friends disappointed him and after waiting for some time he disappeared. About 4 o'clock he was seen to enter a saloon on Fillmore street. He bought a quart bottle of mineral water and after standing on the street curb for some time he hired a hack to go to the ferry. At McAllister street he called to the hackman to mail a letter for him. This was addressed to Leland Sparks, son of the late Governor Sparks of Nevada.

When the hackman reached the ferry he called to Revalk and receiving no reply he opened the hack and found the boy covered with froth. He drove to the Emergency Hospital where the boy died within five minutes. Upon examining the bottle of mineral water it show Revalk had drunk a large portion of it. He was to have sailed for Manila Wednesday to take a government position and it is believed he became despondent at the thought of leaving home.

COLER WILL RUN.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Bird S. Coler announced today that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of New York this fall.

GAIN MORE HONORS.

American Winners of Olympic Games Defeat Picked Scotchmen.

DUBLIN, Aug. 1.—The American athletes who were victorious in the Olympic games gathered further honors at Balls Bridge, Dublin, where they met and defeated the picked athletes of Scotland. The seven events of the eleven were won by the Americans, these were: the 100 yard dash; quarter mile run; half mile run; hurdle high jump; four mile, and hammer throw. The home team won the 220 yard dash, mile run; weight put and the running long jump. The Americans were easy winners in the events in which they competed. No records were broken except the Irish hammer throw which was won by Talbot, the Irish-American A. C., 168 feet 2 1/2 inches.

MAY CHOOSE CARDINALS.

ROME, Aug. 1.—At the Vatican tonight it was considered certain that the pope will hold consistory either before November when the reform of the congregations becomes effective or in December at the close of his jubilee year. In either instance it is asserted that his holiness will create ten new cardinals. The presence of Cardinal Gibbons it is expected will result in a decision whether there will be another American cardinal chosen.

ARE KILLING THE DOGS.

Policemen in Chicago go Gunning After The Canines.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—Armed with rapid fire revolvers, ten policemen, under the personal direction of Chief of Police Shippy, will scour the streets of the city today shooting down every dog found unmuzzled or untagged.

Chief Shippy has decreed that unmuzzled dogs must die and the sharpshooters of the police department will continue to stalk the dogs in the city streets until no stray canine is alive. This order of the chief, issued yesterday, means the passing of the dog pound.

"I expect 100 dogs to be slaughtered the first day," said the Chief. "The lives of our citizens demand this work. Thirteen persons were bitten one day last week and it is going to stop."

HOT IN MONTANA.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 1.—Weather Director B. F. Young last evening reported Miles City to have had a temperature of 108 yesterday. This is the highest record in the count. Have had 104 and Helena 98. There was one death and one prostration at Butte, where the temperature was 94.

JUSTICE QUESTION

The Greatest Before American People, Says Taft

POOR STAND A SLIM CHANCE

He Will Discuss the Difficult Problem in His Address Before Virginia Bar Association—Its Improvement and Prompt Dispatch.

HOT SPRINGS, Aug. 1.—Justice Taft, in discussing the address that he is to deliver Thursday to the Virginia Bar Association, said today he believed that the greatest question before the American people is the improvement of the administration of justice, both civil and criminal in matter both of its prompt dispatch and cheapening of its use. He said it is a difficult problem to make the administration equal to the poor and rich, because of the ability of the rich man to employ counsel and stand the expense of litigation and the poor man is not. Taft intimated that he will dwell at some length on this subject in his address.

This was congratulatory day for Taft upon his letter of acceptance, and among the letters received was one from Senator Cullom who says: "You did not fail to meet every possible issue and you have left the democrats without a leg to stand on."

One letter which Taft places at the head of the list is from Anna Katherine Griffiths, of 2553 North Ingleside avenue, Cincinnati. Little Miss Griffiths assures Judge Taft that she likes him "because her daddy does." The young lady announces, she thought she "Would find out how amny people on your street are going to vote for you." She found 16 who are, and one who is going to vote the temperance ticket. "So I am sure you will be elected."